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Subject: RE: Cultural water use and human health criteria
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Thanks Candon, that makes sense. We may provide a minor comment that focuses on the exposure side, or we may be able to address the edit outside the formal comment process, since a small edit would clarify the application of the HHC for organisms only without changing the substance of the use and the applied criteria.

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Hello Maja,

It was not considered for water + organism because it is not see as a regular or extended use of the water for consumption. I think it would be more appropriate to consider your last suggestion. I think we should rethink the language to better reflect the intent, which would be some ceremonies include a very limited ingestion of surface water. This is a tricky area to find the right language from the view point of water ingestion regarding indicator bacteria criteria.

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Hi Candon,

A question for you about your proposed water quality standards - we've noticed that the cultural/ceremonial use is not supported by human health criteria for consumption of water + organisms, just the criteria for organisms only (column B of table 3). However, the cultural/ceremonial use is described as including ingestion of water. In order to help us develop a useful comment or just understand the situation, could you let us know whether that was an oversight (column A of table 3 supports the cultural/ceremonial use), or what the rationale was for not including the HHC for consumption of water + organisms to protect the cultural/ceremonial use? Or would it be more appropriate to revise the exposures included in the description of the cultural/ceremonial use to exclude water ingestion?

Thanks very much. If a call would be convenient, please just let us know a few times that would be good for you and we'll set one up.

Best wishes,

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